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In re Application of:)
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Franz-Josef RUBRÖDER et al.)
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Rule 53(b) Continuation Application of:) PRIOR APPLICATION:
Application No. 09/991,964)
Filed November 26, 2001) Group Art Unit: 1646
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Application No.: To be assigned) Examiner: Olga N. Chernyshev, Ph.D.
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Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
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For: PROCESS FOR THE STABILIZATION)
 OF PROTEINS IN COMPLEX)
 MIXTURES DURING THEIR)
 STORAGE IN AQUEOUS SOLVENTS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Office the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 are enclosed. Documents numbered 1-11 and 14-17 on the attached 1449 form were previously submitted in or cited by the Office during the prosecution of grandparent Application No. 09/608,297, filed June 30, 2000. Documents 12, 13, 18, and 19 were cited by the Office

during prosecution of parent Application No. 09/991,964. The relevancy of European Patent Application No. EP 0 906 918 A2, in German, may be found in United States Patent No. 5,986,048, which is in the same family. Applicants respectfully request that the Office consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Office applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	2	4,371,523	February 1, 1983	Grodsky et al.	424	178	
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	6	EP 0 437 622 A1	July 24, 1991	Europe	A 61 K	37/24	
	7	EP 0 335 554 A2	October 4, 1989	Europe	A 61 K	7/06	
	8	EP 0 906 918 A2	April 7, 1999	Europe	C 07 K	14/62	
	9	EP 0 489 780	June 17, 1998	Europe	C 12 N	15/00	
	10	EP 0 195 691 A1	September 24, 1986	Europe	C 12 N	15/00	
	11	WO 93/11240	June 10, 1993	PCT	C 12 N	15/16	
	12	WO 96/27661	September 12, 1996	PCT	C 12 N	9/96	
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